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SUBJ: FISHERY TEAM FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH GOJ OFFICIALS

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1. TEAM MET MORNING AUG 4 WITH GOJ DEL HEADED BY FUKADA, COUNCILLOR, NORTH AMERICAN DIV, MFA, AND MATSUURA, DIRECTOR, MARINE FISHERIES DIV, JFA. TEAM RECEIVED GOJ PRELIMINARY VIEWS US-USSR AGREEMENT, AND REVIEWED MEETINGS WITH ROK AND ROC OFFICIALS.

2. GOJ DEL INDICATED JAPAN FELT MOST SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE
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IN EASTERN BERING SEA (EBS) CONCERNED TRAWL LIMITATIONS IN AREA A. GOJ DEL EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOJ RESTRICTIONS COULD BE MADE COMPARABLE TO THOSE OF USSR IN THIS AREA AND INDICATED DESIRE TO DISCUSS EBS TRAWL RESTRICTIONS

DURING ANNUAL INPFC MEETING.

3. GOJ DEL FELT USSR RESTRICTIONS KODIAK-CHIRIKOF AREAS LESS THAN JAPAN RESTRICTIONS. ALSO, DEL EXPRESSED CONCERN REL ACK OF RESTRICTIONS ON USSR TRAWLING IN AREA LYING BETWEEN 54 DEGREES AND 51 DEGREES NORTH. GOJ ALSO RECOGNIZED DEVERED RESTRICTIONS ON USSR WITH BAN ON TRAWLING SOUTH OF 38 DEGREES 10 MIN NORTH AND THAT OTHER LESSER RESTRICTIONS TO THE NORTH MAY HAVE BEEN PART OF OVERALL ARRANGEMENTS.

4. US TEAM RECOGNIZED DIFFERENCE IN EBS BUT ALSO INDICATED DIFFERENCE IN JAPAN AND USSR FISHERY WITH LOWER USSR INCIDENTAL CATCH OF HALIBUT. TEAM FURTHER INDICATED USG WOULD GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION GOJ POSITION ON AREA A DURING FORTHCOMING INPFC DISCUSSIONS. MATSUURA STATED JAPAN TRYING TO DEVELOP NEW GEAR AND METHODS THAT SHOULD RESOLUTLY LOWER INCIDENTAL HALIBUT CATCH AND REQUESTED DATA ON USSR INCIDENTAL CATCH. TEAM PASSED AVAILABLE HALIBUT COMMISSION INFO TO HIM.

5. TEAM CONFIRMED DIFFERENCES EXIST KODIAK AREA, HOWEVER, IMPACT ON USSR FISHERY NEARLY EQUAL IN IMPACT ON JAPAN FISHERY. REGARDING BRITISH COLUMBIA TRAWL CLOSURE TEAM INDICATED CANADIAN OBJECTIONS TO USG NO NEGOTIATIONS COVERING AREAS OFF CANADIAN COAST. TEAM INDICATED UNDERSTANDING THAT GOVT OF CANADA WOULD WORK OUT SOME ARRANGEMENTS WITH USSR.

6. GOJ ALSO REQUESTED INFO ON INCREASED USSR FISHING EFFORT OFF CALIF AND TEAM PASSED COPIES PERTINENT NMFS SURVEILLANCE REPORTS.

7. TEAM RESTATED VIEW THAT OVERALL AGREEMENTS RESULT IN NEARLY EQUAL LIMITATIONS ON USSR AND JAPAN. HOWEVER, SHOULD GOJ DESIRE PEN AGREEMENT FOR DISCUSSION, USG WOULD ALSO PLAN ON REOPENING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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DISCUSSIONS ON POLLOCK QUOTA AND CSFR. GOJ REPLIED STATEMENTS REFLECTED PRELIMINARY VIEWS AND SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN AS REQUEST FOR REOPENING AGREEMENT DISCUSSIONS.

8. IM MATSUURA GAVE STATUS REPORT TAI CHANG NO. 1. HE INDICATED THAT MARITIME AGENCY HAS BEEN ALERTED AND IS WATCHING FOR RETURN OF CREW. AGENCY PLANS TO PROSECUTE CREW AND GOJ REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING EVIDENCE, SPECIFICALLY, COPIES AND PHOTOS TAKEN OF TAI CHANG NO. 1 AND CREW, AND SUCH PHOTOS SHOULD INCLUDE SIGNATURE RESPONSIBLE US AUTHORITIES.

IN REPLY TO TEAM QUESTION MATSUURA INDICATED THAT EACH MEMBER OF CREW COULD BE SENT TO JAIL FOR PERIOD TWO YEARS OR FINED 50 THOUSAND YEN OR BOTH. TEAM INDICATED USG WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS ACTION AND IMMEDIATE INFO ON RESULTS OF PROSECUTION, OR PROGRESS REPORTS ON TRIAL IF INFO AVAILABLE.

9. TEAM REVIEWED DISCUSSIONS HELD WITH REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND REPUBLIC OF CHINA. SUBSTANCE INFORMATION PASSED TO GOJ SAME AS THAT SENT TELS.

10. GOJ EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR BRIEFING AND ASKED IF INFO COULD BE PASSED TO FISHING INDUSTRY, PARTICULARLY ON TAIWANESE STOPPING ROC GILLNET FISHERY. TEAM INDICATED THIS NOT DESIRABLE SINCE KOREAN AND TAIWANESE TALKS WITH US WERE HELD ON GOVT TO GOVT BASIS. TEAM SUGGESTED THAT UPON RETURN, A US PRESS RELEASE MAY BE PREPARED OR THE GOVERNOR OF ALASKA MAY ISSUE RELEASE. AT THAT TIME GOJ COULD PASS INFO TO INDUSTRY.

11. TEAM MADE FINAL REQUEST FOR INFO ON POLLOCK FISHERY DATA AND REGULATIONS. ALSO, TEAM RAISED QUESTION OF CLAIMS BOARD AGREEMENT. GOJ PASSED SOME DATA ON POLLOCK FISHERY AND MATSUURA INDICATED GOJ HOPED TO HAVE REPLY TO CLAIMS BOARD QUESTION BY TIME OF INPFC MEETING.

12. DISCUSSIONS HELD IN MOST FRIENDLY AND FRANK ATMOSPHERE. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH RESULTS AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.
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13. AFTER DISCUSSIONS COURTESY CALL MADE ON UCHIMURA, DIRECTOR GENERAL, JFA, AND MATSUHITA, DEP. DIR. GEN. SHOESMITH

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